A Page of Romance From the Congressional Record

Mrs. Mumm Fights To Be an American Citizen Again

Mumm, a German subject, whose the affections of his wife. business kept him in France.

refused to allow her to enter, he- France. cause of her aid to the Allies, which She has large property interests

government There was but one assert her rights to it. way to prevent confiscation-Amer- The government of France is toican citizenship.

Capper and Representative Campbell her interest in that estate because

daughter of C. C. K. Scoville, a citises of the United States residing in the State of Kansas, being a nativebeen sitizen of the United States, married in 1918 Walter Mumm, au! alien of German birth and parentage, but at the time of, and for many years prior to, said marriage a resident of France; and

Whereas, The said Frances Scoville-

tune. She traveled much. Her ment house in which I reside. travels took her to Europe. There I have searched the town she met Walter Mumm. He was handsome, rich and of ancient a definite answer to-morrow. family. All the circumstances were Therefore please wire advice." favorable to a romantic interna- As I wrote out my check for tional marriage, which followed in \$400 it was not so much due time. Mr. Mumm was by birth with the thought of the professor and parentage a German citizen, perforce occupying a tent upon the He resided in France, where his his anxious wife and her seemingly Sustness was, and on marriage his countless children. wife took his citizenship They re-

THE privilege of American international marriages are not birth is doubly dear to happy. The dreams of youth pic-Frances Scoville-Mumm. Born ture a state of happiness that does and reared in the very not last. This case was no excepcentre of these United States-in tion. During the period of gesta-Kansas-she may thereby safe- tion and motherhood, when the guard the European fortune she husband's affection and tender atmarried, which is now being threat- tentions were most needed by his ened with confiscation by the French | wife, he yielded to the heguilements of the gay capitals of the continent. In 1918, before war clouds threat- He gambled without a limit. He ened, the girl from Seneca, Kansas, did not omit wine and women in his was married in London to Walter excesses. He forfeited his right to

The world war broke out. The He had amassed a fortune in that necessity of making a change in the now extinct commodity---Mumm's place of residence of the Mumm Extra Dry Champagne. She shared family was imperative. They must that fortune with him. War broke either move to Germany or be inout. Her German husband went back terned in France. So Mrs. Mumm to Germany. She remained in France | went to Germany with her husband, and went to work for the Allies. On to a country she did not like and neutral ground in Switzerland they with a man who had forfeited his met and arranged for an agreement right to her affection. She resided of separation. The document was there for a time under intolerable signed in due time and deposited conditions. She then went to Berne with the American Legation at and resided in Switzerland until the Berne. Under its terms the wife close of the war. Then the State was to receive \$1,000 a month and Department permitted her to return two-fifths interest in the estate of to the United States, her native land and the land she loved. Now When, after the armistice, she at- it is important to her and to her tempted to reenter Germany to get child that she be in a position to a divorce, the German authorities assert her rights to her property in

seemed treasonable to the Germans, in her husband's estate. Her own because, in their view, the wife's property is there, her household nationality follows that of her hus- goods and much of her wearing appurel are in Paris. She cannot even Meanwhile the French law de- secure a handkerchief from her fined her as a German citizen, and personal effects, all the property beher extensive property. as well as ing in control of the Alien Property that of all German citizens, was Custodian in France, and she, being about to be confiscated by the French rated as a German citizen, cannot

day disposing of much of the prop-Congress has voted to repatriate erty of the Mumm estate. She can-Francer Scoville-Mumm. Senator not by proper proceedings protect engineered her petition through American citizen the courts of France would give recognition to The following, quoted from "The her claim, so she could protect her Congressional Record," gives an in- interests in her own property and toration of her citizenship is made | quire as to the necessity for the | when we admit a citizen to the | I will say that it is the purpose of States? And if so, how much?

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handkerchief from her personal effects, all the property being in control of the alien-property custodian in France, and she being rated as a German citizen can not assert her rights to it. The Government of France is to-day disposing of much of the The Government of France is to-day disposing of much of the property of the Mumpi estate. She can not by proper proceedings protect her interest in that estate because of her citizenship, it is the passes of the motion. If she were an American citizen, the courts of France would give recognition to her claim, so she could protect her interests in her own property and her interest in the property of her husband. That is the purpose for which this application for the restoration of her citizenship is made. Now, I will yield to the gentleman from Texas for a question.

Mr. BLANTON. I wish to inquire as to the necessity for the word "unconditionally" preceding "admitted," with respect to her being readmitted. In other words, when we admit a three considers.

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Mr. CAMPBELL of Kansas. I will say that it is the purpose of the word "unconditional" to admit Mrs. Mumm to citizenship at once.

Mr. BLANTON, But why not readmit her, as all other citizens are, without the word "unconditionally"? It might carry with it rights that we did not wish to give.

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to obviate any period of residence or complying with the usual
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Mr. BLANTON. One other question. This case is a sample
of the history of all or nearly all of the international marriages,
and has not the time come, at least in taking action by Congress,
in such cases to give the American girls to understand that whenever they contract these international marriages they must bear
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Mr. GOOD. I want to ask the question for information as to the legal status. At first blush I would think that the rights of the authorities in Paris for the possession of this property would be fixed and determined at the time it took possession and that any subsequent action by change of citizenship would not change the legal state.

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Frances, Scoville and a fixed of fact from and uncount graces. She had also an Abple for time. She traveled much. Her travols took her to berope. There she met Walter Mumm. He was handsome, rach, and of ancient family. At the circumstances were favorable to a romantic international neuringe, which followed in due the a Mr. Namm was by birth and parentage a German citizen. He resided in France, where are which followed in due the a Mr. Namm was by birth and parentage a German citizen. He resided in France, where are holded in France. She invested a portion of her fortune in a home in Paris, and furniched it. They resided there until the outbreak of the World War.

It is unfortunate perhaps that all international marriages are not happy. The dreams of youth picture a state of happiness that does not last. This case was no exception. During the period of gestation and, metherhood, when the husband's affection and tender attentions were most needed by his wife, he yielded to the beguilements of the gay capitals of the Continent. He gambled without a limit. He did not only wine and women in his excesses. He forceited his right to the affections the filling of the world. War broke out. The necessity of making a level energy of the world. War broke out. The necessity of making a level energy of making a level energy of the world. War broke out. The necessity of making a level energy of the world. War level energy of making a level energy of making a level energy of the world. War broke out. The necessity of making a level energy of the world. War level energy of making a level energy of the world. The processity of making a level energy o distinction the

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The World War broke out. The necessity of making a change in the place of residence of the Mumm family was imperative. They must either have to Germany or be interned in Franct. So Mrs. Mumm went to Germany with her husband, to a country she did not like and with a man who had forfeited his right to her affection. She resided there for a time under intolerable conflicions, She then went to Berne and resided in Switzerland until the close of the War. Then the State Department permitted her to return to the United States, her native land and the land she loved. Now, it is important to her property in France.

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Repatriation May Save He German Property in France

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come of Mr. Mumm?

MR. CAMPBELL (of Kansas)-He is living probably in Germany erty and that of her child. or some city of Europe to which he has access as a German citizen.

did Mrs. Mumm live in Germany MR. CAMPBELL (of Kansas) ---

She never resided in Germany at all. pulses of a Kansas or a Texas won She resided in France, and did not go to Germany until after the outbreak of the world war, and then remained there only a few months. MR. GOLDFOGLE--How long did she remain in France?

MR. CAMPBELL (of Kansas)-She was married in 1913, and remained in France until the outbreak

had been an American citizen-in other words, if she had not married the gentleman to say that the a German subject-she would have were married in France. come under the provisions of the act MR. CAMPBELL (of Kansas) that we passed some years ago that They were married in England. He would take away, if she were a husband was a citizen of Germany b naturalized citizen, her citizenship birth. hecause of her residence continu- MR. KINCHELOW-And she ously for more than five years now considered a citizen of German;

there is the provision of our 'aw I understand the present citizensh that transfers the citizenship of the of the wife has been determine wife to that of the husband upon by the marriage status. MR. CARSS-Has the American | Yes.

Alien Property Custodian taken Mr. JONES (of Pennsylvania) over any property that belonged to Doe, the gentleman think that th this man Mumm in the United French courts would insist on th

MR. CAMPBELL (of Kansas).

MR. CONNALLY-Mr. Speake MR. CAMPBELL (of Kansas).

MR. CONNALLY-Did this las undertake to secure her reinstat MR. BLANTON-One other ment as an American citizen pri

MR. CANDLER-What has be question is one of her property? MR. CAMPBELL (of Kansas). No; but her American citizenship necessary to secure her own pro-

MR. CONNALLY-But for th she would not have been concerne MR. GOLDFOGLE-How long about her citizenship? MR. CAMPBELL (of Kansas)-

Oh, jes; very deeply concerned about it. She has all of the patriotic in an for her native land. MR. KINCHELOE-Mr. Speake

will the gentleman yield? MR. CAMPBELL (of Kansas)-

MR. KINCHELOW-Is she now. 1 the eyes of the law of France of Germany or both, a citizen of Franc or of Germany? MR. CAMPBELL (of Kansas).

Of Germany. She has taken the MR. GOLDFOGLE-Then, if she citizenship of her husband. MR. KINCHELOW -- I understar

MR. CAMPBELL (of Kansas) MR. CAMPBELL (of Kursas) - Yes-by France, under the law, That is correct; but, in addition. MR. JONES (of Pennsylvania)-

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sided in France. She invested a upon visiting New York six months the car! Great scheme." portion of her fortune in a home in later, I saw the professor and-as Paris and furnished it. They re- nearly as I could complete the cen- 'How do you manage?" I finally of the car, we carry medicines, tion of a late awakening the next sided there until the outbreak of the in a powerful, vast, rakish-looking

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turn for a generous annual premi- A Happy Man

der to see any one," said he, as he

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I sank into the chair he drew up.

GROANED as I opened the let- up a car; but I was only too well for a moment-I couldn't manage; calny weather; but soon we took to there, we have never been intercept- trary to opinion such a home is that it is necessary in order that sh

accompanied by an appeal for ity. Besides, there was the \$400. makeshift for a place to live. I "Occasionally we will put in an up the radiator, close to which my I telephoned his apartment. The even went to see the portable house entire night in one of these retired wife places a can of coffee, which we ing cab. the off the power and laws of the one from whom he could "with de- professor had not lived there for the people. They offered me a house, spots. Generally, though, it is more drink as a preliminary to our res-Desoived, etc., That Frances Scoville- was the only one to which he "felt dress, I telephoned the college. He Made me feel like a prospective rules against parking have to be ob- "About 8:30 we bring up at my "In strictest confidence I have Mumm, daughter of the said C. C. K. free" to bring his family during had left for the day; it was imspected to me that served, I find. The police seem unspected to me that served, I find. 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I called. The could afford in the present emer-Mr. Speaker, the circumstances for the professor and his family. handsome car was at the curb as I gency. Just then your check came. This time the professor's letter turned into the building. My friend I took my wife and children to the police with our status one, we reassemble in the late after- which is piped a limited supply of the point of order there is n sales room where we found that it picture of landlords dangling from vigorously shook my hand. There feet comfort. We studied the inus to occupy the limousine in per-Frances Scoville was a young lampposts is so gratifying that I fear I shall overindulge. My rent was not a line of care on his counter. We statled the infear I shall overindulge. My rent was not a line of care on his counter. That, in brief, is how we are preparing a simple meal at home make the point of order. I thin "How goes it?" I asked.

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professor, cheerily, "since your Paradoxical as it may sound, we takes the wheel from me at 10:30 don our limousine until our chil- limousine life oringmated with me. tious mothers seeking titled has

> "No more rent!" fairly shouted my very regrettable in some instances," Imagine my astonishment when, lifelong friend; "moved right into he made haste to add with some embarrasment.

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Mumm has since returned to the economy at one of New York City's macy with my lifelong friend had put in. "Tell me all about your it is some such place we seek when prematurely.

the drives in Central Park. Most apartment days.

brought me. Its handwriting ing to mortgage. Here was a situa- Seems very inhospitable, doesn't it? cochère. We now know of perhaps a without exception we put in long the orthodox home, which is a source indicated that it was from my tion in which I felt considerable in- Fact is, we're full up. Possibly we dozen of these hospitable shelters and restful nights in the vicinity of of constant expense, it can actually Even before the diverce is obtained lifelong friend, the professor, terest, both moral and financial. I might"---- He paused to reflect, and we are accordingly quite indif- my own property, where I feel that he made to yield an income. Let a who now occupied the chair of felt, too, that inasmuch as my inti- "Oh, never mind that," I have some right to linger, even young wife become proficient as a

demonstrated that we could even / managing at present. I say at how and then when restaurants pail. We ought to have a rollean volcan lie down, all at the same time. That My eldest boy—he is eleven years present, yet I cannot see why, with | "So far as I know—mind! I say this measure. We ought to test

"Easiest thing in the world," the best current magazines and a few morning, we drive over to Green- fect upon the health of my children. me a check for fifty dollars, the first fourteen. limousine. I had known people to professor responded. "The only well chosen books. Access to the mortgage their homes in order to set provide is"—here his face clouded trunk proved difficult, at first, in Although nocturnal visitors are rare commend me to a limousine. Con-

ter which the R. F. D. had aware that the professor had noth- to take you in just at this time. stopping under a friendly porte ed by the gatekeeper, and almost within reach of all. Indeed, unlike may assert her rights. I am obliged to dress to go out to "Bright and early on weekday tuxi driving, practising her profes. Mr. Speaker, I suggest the Speaker common with lifelong friends, the of adversity, I might justly seek his "Well," said he, "when the brute dinner. There my family will step mornings we joit ourselves awake sion while her husband is at work put the question on the joint reso professor never wrote except to companionship at a time when he of a landlord boosted the rent \$400 out of the car leaving me ample with a brisk spin about the city, and her children at school! In-This also serves thoroughly to heat stead of a useless castle, a man's THE SPEAKER If nobody de

could afford. It was funny, but the tried drawing up at the curb and plunge in the swimming pool. My are working upon a number of THE SPEAKERthing I could never afford in the old days proved to be the only thing I displaying on the car door a number wife and the girls betake them housekeeping appliances for our displaying on the car door a number wife and the girls betake them housekeeping appliances for our tleman defer that for a moment and new 'Homestead' model. We have cent houses. It was my idea thus remains at the curb until, one by projected a folding wash basin to gentleman from New York make as a home. All to no purpose, noon for a home life as real and hot water from the radiator; an quorum present. would be possible for all seven of Therefore we spend most of our wholesome as ever we enjoyed in electric chafing dish with toaster, MR. GOLDFOGLE—1 withdra nights cruising slowly up and down four rooms and a bath back in our a great convenience in case of un- the point for the present. demonstrated that we could even vehicle quite disposes us to sleep. managing at present. I say at now and then when restaurants pall, we ought to have a rollcall vote of

were actually reduced to purchas- o'clock. We allow him to sleep dren are ready to choose their own However, many of my colleagues bands a lesson in regard to foreign "Fixed it up with the landlord?" ing a limousine. We sold our fur- from 4 o'clock in the afternoon, conveyances. It is country house have suffered by eviction for fail- marriages and let them understand niture and moved into the car. and again in the early morning, to us as well as city apartment, ure to pay exorbitant rents, and I that when they buy such a foreign "Of course, it isn't like an apart- when I relieve him. He is quite up Quite commonly we spend our have never heard what they have bed with its consequent great swered the professor, blithely. "Four ment. There are many inconven- to the easy driving in the park. As nights in the most exclusive coundone with their families. They ob- sponsibilities and troubles they must hundred dollars down, easy monthly lences in an apartment which one a pleasant change for him we not try residence districts near New serve a strange reticence when in- lie in it, and then they will mer does not have to put up with in a infrequently draw up at the side of York, waking up to discover that terrogated. Then, too, apartments highly appreciate American have imousine. For one thing, there are the road, jack up our rear wheel as we have slumbered almost side by are almost never to be had at any bands. plied, feeling rather bewildered and no dark rooms—light and air on all though we were in trouble (a little side with some well known multi-price, and private houses exist somewhat cheated as to the \$400. sides. And then one is absolutely deception practised on the police, millionaire. During the hottest only in novels. Again, I have no from Texas renews the point of free from visitors, which is very, you see) and allow the lad a full days of summer we have slept ticed a singularly large number of order nightly upon the coolest eminences closed vehicles along the roads we of the coolest watering places of have followed nights and mornings. which this land boasts. We choose My unsubstantiated opinion is that "In a trunk, strapped at the rear on Saturday nights, in anticipa- between surf bathing and still limousine life is perhaps more com- order is withdrawn. water; between country, seashore, mon than either of us knows."